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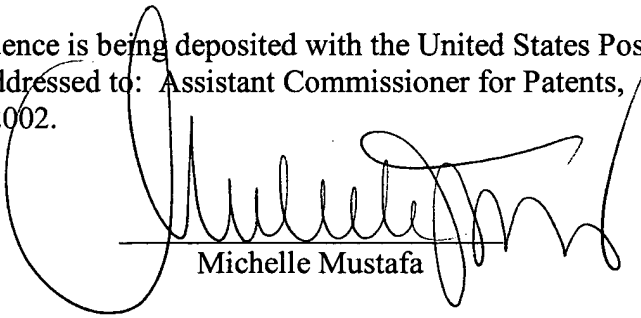
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-13, 17, 18, 27, 28, 34-38, 40, 43 and 47, drawn to a method of repressing, delaying or otherwise reducing expression of a target gene in an animal cell, wherein said target gene is endogenous to the animal cell.

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